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SUBJECT: SWEDEN ANNOUNCES MODEST VOLUNTARY PROGRAM FOR SAVING
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REF: STOCKHOLM 978, 991 AND 1026.

1. COMMERCE MINISTER FELDT ANNOUNCED ON NOVEMBER 20 VOLUNTARY PROGRAM AIMED AT REDUCING TOTAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY 15 PER CENT. IMMEDIATE NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN, ADMINISTERED BY NATIONAL BOARD OF ECONOMIC DEFENSE, WILL EXHORT INDIVIDUALS, LANDLORDS, BUSINESSES, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM INDOOR TEMPERATURE OF 20 DEGREES CENTIGRADE (68 DEGREES F) AND PREFERABLY LESS AT NIGHT, TO REDUCE HOT WATER AND ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION, TO USE CARS MORE ECONOMICALLY, AND TO FAVOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. INDUSTRY NOT AFFECTED EXCEPT FOR GENERAL EXHORTATION TO SAVE ON LIGHTING AND HEATING.

2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT MODEST PROPORTIONS AND TARDINESS OF SWEDISH MOVE, FELDT SAID THAT "FUEL RESERVES AND STOCKS WERE FULL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRY HAD NOT FELT REDUCTION IN DELIVERIES SO FAR". SUCH

REDUCTION WOULD BE FELT IN DECEMBER, BUT THIS WOULD NOT CALL FOR RATIONING BEFORE NEW YEAR AT THE EARLIEST. HE ADDED THAT UNCERTAINTY ABOUT ATTITUDE OF OIL PRODUCERS AND DIFFICULTY OF ADMINISTERING COMPULSORY MEASURES MADE GOS FAVOR PURELY VOLUNTARY PROGRAM FOR TIME BEING.

3. FELDT ANNOUNCED ALSO THAT GOS WILL ASK PARLIAMENT THIS WEEK FOR AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY FUEL AND ELECTRICITY RATIONING SHOULD NEED FOR SUCH ACTION DEVELOP.
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